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1. Up to the end of 1947, the Gosse Cellulose Factory in Kaliningrad (formerly Königsberg) employed 600 German prisoners-of-war and 450 Russian and German civilians. The prisoners-of-war and German civilians were then replaced by Russian workers.
2. Up to April 1948, the factory was working at only 40 percent of its full capacity.
3. The production of the factory consists of alcohol, cellulose, soft paper, cellulose sheets, and roofing-felt. The latter is produced only in very small quantities. The entire production of the plant goes into storage; most of it is stored in the open. On only one occasion in 1946 was cellulose loaded on a ship.
4. Pyrites are brought to the factory in Soviet trucks along a broad-gauge railway track. Timber is delivered either by Finnish ships in the form of ready-stripped wood or by rail in its raw state. Formerly the factory possessed no proper equipment for stripping the wood, and the Soviets have now installed four machines for this purpose.
5. The boiler-house has a complement of seven boilers, of which the most modern are two wood-burning fore-hearth boilers. Although Soviet stokers have been trained on the modern boilers, the ^{boilers} cannot be kept in running order. The quality of the coal supplied to the other boilers is very poor. Analytical tests have shown that 65 percent of the slag consists of unburnt coal and slate. This coal has such a bad effect on the chain grates that they are in constant need of repair. The situation in the boiler-house is, therefore, such that at any one time three boilers are undergoing repairs and two in commission, and it is only with the greatest difficulty that even these two are kept working. The boilers should develop a capacity of 20 atmospheres, but rarely work at a maximum of more than fifteen.
6. The pipe-lines bringing water from the Pregel are always leaking at the joints and are repaired by the Soviets only in cases of emergency. The factory is built on marshy ground. Formerly the Germans took measures to prevent the pipes from sinking too much by re-laying a fresh set of pipes on top. A similar proposal made to the Soviets was rejected on the grounds that it would take too long and would hamper production. The result is that the joints are merely patched up temporarily and the leaks become gradually worse.
7. Attached is a sketch map of the factory grounds.

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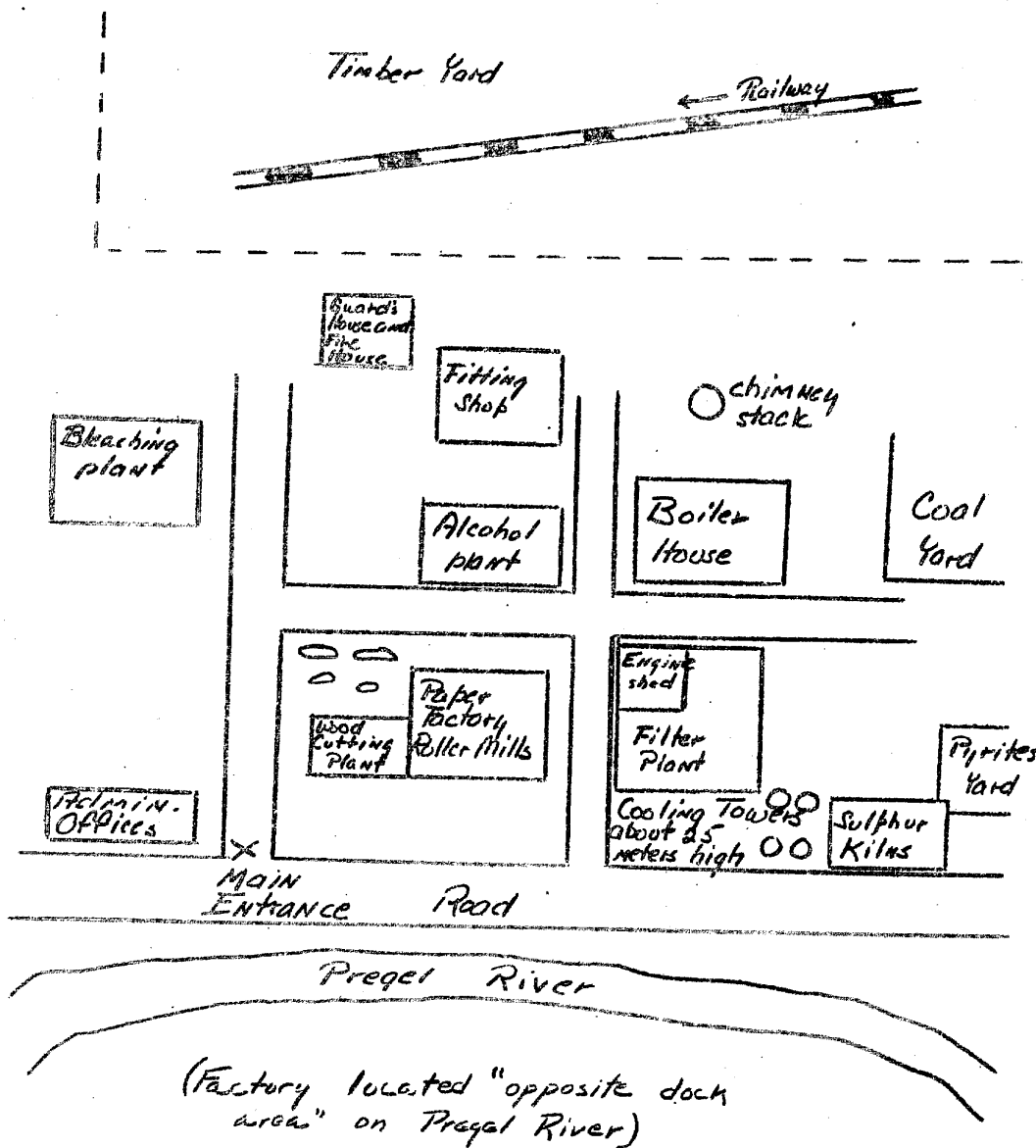
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